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LETTERS

Written to the Saints of the

Most High,

To build them up in the Truth, as  
it is in JESUS.

By { *William Deusbury.*  
*James Nayler.*  
*George Fox.*  
*John Whitehead.*

LUKE, 10. 2.

*The Harvest is great, but the Labourers are few; pray  
ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest that he would  
send forth Labourers, &c.*

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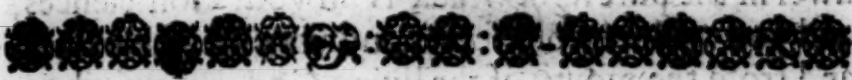
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Dear Friends,

**I** Suffer with the imprisoned seed in you, to which I was sent to preach unto the everlasting Gospel, to the opening of your blind eyes, that you might see your lost estates; how your immortal Souls lie in the pit wherein there is no water, and to bring it forth that it might stand in the liberty of my Fathers love in the free Covenant of Life in the Lord Jesus, which Covenant is to the seed which is pure and holy, and inlightens your understandings, and lets you see every by-path and broad way, and cries behind you, *This is the way, walk in it*, when you turn from the pure light which is in your Consciences; and to the light in your consciences I speak, which shal eternally witness me; you have not been faithfull many of you, in walking with the Lord, since you heard the Gospel of your Salvation; I charge you in the presence of the Lord God Almighty, and by his Power, every one of you examine your Consciences, which wil witness with me, for I am with you, though absent in body, and see you with the invisible and eternal eye, which nothing can be hid from in the measure which the Lord hath opened: I suffer amongst you for the immortal and eternal Seed that suffers in you; I charge you flight not the examination of your hearts every one of you in particular; I see you who you are in whom the Seed suffers, in some under one deceit, and some in another; and to the all seeing Eye, that light in your Consciences I direct you, which is the Eye with which I see you; and every one of you



dwel in the pure light which is in your Consciences, and you will see your selves, and witnesse these lines, and from the mouth of the living God, before whom all is naked and bare; I charge you by the Lord, hasten every one of you to meet the Lord in speedy reforming your ways: Thou that art slothful, harken to the light in thy Conscience, and it wil waken thee; & thou that art flown up into the ayr to speak of that thou livest not in, harken to the light in thy Conscience, and it wil stop thy mouth, and cause thee to lie low before the Lord; and thou that art exalted above thy brother, harken to the light in thy conscience, and it wil pluck thee down, and cause thee to serve him in love; and thou that art delighting in the earth more then in the Lord thy God, harken to the light in thy conscience, and it will bring thy earthly mind to Judgement, and rend thee from the Earth; and thou that art a Self-lover, and if thou have thy self, and regard not thy Brother, harken to the light in thy conscience, and it wil bring thee to Self-denial, and to love thy Brother, & to watch over him, & suffer with him in all his sufferings: I charge you in the presence of the eternal and ever-living God, that every one be faithful according to the measure or light of the Lord hath given to profit withal in the exercises of your conscience towards God and men; Let the light guide you all in your ways, and it wil purge away all the filth of the flesh; so wil the old man be put off with his deeds, and the imprisoned seed wil be set at liberty in you; and I shal not come to you any more with a rod, as I am constrained at this time, through your foolishnesse, who have departed from the pure Wisdom to look abroad in the counsel of your own hearts; for the rod is prepared for the back of a fool,



but the wise mans eye is in his head, which eye is the light in your consciences, being guided by it, it will lead you to Christ, who is your Head, the Fountain of Wisdom and knowledg: Now al of you that walk in him, I have union with every one of you, denying your selves freely, and be faithful in your measures, that you may grow up together in the Lord Jesus: a peculiar people, a holy Priesthood, to offer up your souls and bodies a living sacrifice unto the Lord our God, to guide you by his power to his own praise and glory, who alone is worthy to be feared and obeyed of all his Saints for ever and ever: With bowels of love I salute you all in the Lord, into his Power I commit you, and the Lord God Almighty enlighten your understandings, and blesse you and guide you in wisdom to watch over one another in love, that the God of love may be exalted in all of you.

December,  
1653.

*This was the Copy of a Letter that  
came from William Deusbury.*

**D**ear Friends, I rejoyce in you as you are entred into the love of the truth, and have owned the Voice that calls out of the darknesse that is over all the Earth, to set your faces towards *Sion* the City of everlasting Light: and now mind your way, and the light that is given to guide you in the way, to keep your eye to the light, that it may lead you through all the visible things of the world, and as you passe through you may stand single in the mind unto God, not turning to the right or left hand, where lies the temptation, nor looking back, which lays you open to be assaulted afresh by those evils you had once esca-

ped from ; but keeping the eye towards the mark, passe on, leaving and forgetting what is behind, and treading and trampling under your feet what the enemy shall lay as stumbling blocks in your way, which your carnal eyes or ears or hearts would be closing with, for the temptation lies in the carnal things, and there is the bondage of the creature to things that are corrupt, from which bondage, from sin & corruption the Lord is now appeared, that in the light he may redeem and lead out of it all that will own and follow him; and this Light and Redemption is in his Son, whom he is about to exalt, in which exaltation a strange and mighty Work is to be brought to passe, whereat al that stand not in his counsel & fear, and to whom he shal not reveal his secrets, shall be offended, for all that is exalted shall be laid low and debased, the wisdom of the wise shal come to nought, and the understanding of the prudent ones shall be hid, riches and honors shal fal to dust, from whence they came, and the worship of the world shal become filthinesse, the gods of the Heathens shal be famished with looking for worship, but shal get none, and the strongest of them shal not be able to deliver himself; for the Lord wil bring down all Heights and Mountains into the valleys, for in the valley of *Jehosaphat* will plead with all flesh, which hath scattered the seed of the Covenant: And now dear Friends, here is your peace and blessednesse, that you silence all flesh, and cease from your own wisdoms, & give over your imaginations about the things of God; come out of the love of the world, and arise out of all visible things, and prepare to meet the Lord; cast off all your idols that have had your hearts, & put the stumbling blocks off of your iniquities from before your faces, and give

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up all that will not that he should raig<sup>n</sup> over them,  
 that his enemies may be your enemies, for in judgment  
 and righteousness is he come out to be avenged upon  
 the unrighteous seed, and now stand in the light, that a  
 separation may be made in you, the precious from the  
 vile, that a true savour may arise, that you may know  
 your calling and election, what is called, and what  
 you are to come out of, lest you stay in any of that  
 to which the plagues is, for this is the cause of  
 your suffering, not discerning in the pure wisdom  
 what that Antichrist or exalted spirit is, that is  
 got into the Seat of God, and shewes himself to  
 be as God, whose Kingdome stands in the wisdom,  
 glory and riches of the world, whereat all that knows  
 not the true God in Spirit ask counsel; therefore, dear  
 friends, look not out into the visible things, for there  
 he is ready to present to you false voices, and visions,  
 lying-wonders, to lead out the vain mind into the li-  
 berty and boasting of high things, in words without  
 power; but while such speak of liberty, they are in  
 bondage, in mind to corrupt and fading things, and  
 while these are head, in the creature, there is not re-  
 demption, but the bonds of iniquity are unloosed, and  
 the pure seed is oppressed, and the plagues must pass  
 upon that nature, therefore sink down into the suffer-  
 ings and death, that you may find the door whereat  
 to enter, for there is a vale of tears to pass thorough;  
 you shall find your well-springs in him, where you  
 shall drink of the water of Life, and find refreshment;  
 and grow from strength to strength, till you come up  
 to Zion; Stand, take heed of words without spoken  
 from the comprehensions, for that feeds not the pure  
 seed, but feeds the wisdom which is above, and the  
 itching ears, and so the pure is corrupted with earth;  
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and the fowls of the ayr is fed, and no fruit is brought forth to perfection, and take heed of that nature that would know more then God is willing to reveal; for you shal find that unwilling to obey what it knows, and take heed of that which desires to appear before men to be commended; for that seldom deserves praise of God; and let a godly conversation declare what is within, and know one another in spirit, and not in word, and meet often together, and wait upon God for his teaching alone in a cross to your own wils, for therein is the secrets of God revealed: Let love abound in you one towards another, without being partial; and I beseech by the love of God, that you halt not between God and the world, but as you profess that you are not of the world, so let your conversation be out of its fashions, cultomes and traditions, and covetous practises, that it may appear you are marked out for the Lords, and that you are not ashamed to own that which differs, and so walk, as not to cast an offence on the Gospel, that you become not a scorn to fools, but let wisdom be justified of her children, and take heed of that which would be exalted above others: teaching and talking of things without life, and you that would be counted somebody, let such first learn to wash the feet of them they would be above; and he that would be greatest, let him be servant to all, for it is the humble, and not the high spirits that are taught of God, and such so walk, as their lives and practises teach and judge, all vain, light, and heighty spirits, and mind how you grow out of the earth, and you own that which is the enmity, and until you be brought out of the love of all visible things, and wholly infolded into the love of God, you cannot winne redemption, nor receive the  
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true joy that ariseth in the manifestation of the Love, for it is only he that is brought up out of the death to raign over it, whose heart is come out of the unrighteous Mammon, who is entred into the Kingdome of righteousness, joy and peace, and as you arise out of the earthly bondage, you shall witness the glorious liberty, and so come to know your own measures, every one in particular to improve it, and not to boast above it another mans line; and so you will come to see by what power you stand in your warfare, how far you are Conquerors, and who is your enemy at present, and so be able to give an account in your selves of your faith, and how you grow from faith to faith; and, dear friends, watch over one another, exhort, reprove, admonish in pure love and meekness of spirit, least you also be tempted, and all know that you are set as a City on a hill, as signs to this Generation; therefore lift up your light to all the world, that all mouths may be stopped, and hearts convinced; so that all that see you, may see you to be children of light, and being judged by you, may be ashamed of their deeds of darkness, for great is the work of the Lord, and blessed are they that are found faithful in it, in what is committed to them. Farewel, deare hearts, and the Lord God Almighty bless, prosper, and preserve you pure and clear unto his Kingdom, Amen. My love in the Lord salutes you all, and if my Father please, I shall be glad to see your faces in the flesh; but his will is my peace, who is blessed for evermore.

*Written from Nuby in the  
seventh month, the  
last day.*

*To all dear Brethren and Friends in  
Holdernes, and in the East parts  
of Yorkshier, and a lover of your  
souls.*

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JAMES NAYLER

The Work of the Lord is great in those parts, and he carries it on with a high hand, hath got himself the Victory.

*Praise the Lord with us all that know him, who is worthy, even him alone for ever.*

**D**ear Brethren and Sisters, you who are begotten again of the Word of Truth, my bowels of love in the Lord Jesus runneth forth to you all; and beware every one of you of lusting after the flesh-pots of Egypt, Earth and earthly things, or after the Merchandise of Babylon, the intrinsing words of mans wisdom, from whence the Lord in his eternal Love hath called you by revealing his Son in you, who is the living Bread which came down from Heaven: Dear Brethren, forsake not this living Mercy for outward things, thought never so seemingly glorious, for they all shall perish in the using, but *the word of the Lord endureth for ever*; when it goeth forth it giveth understanding to the simple, and the soul of the needy is refreshed by it, therefore wait every one within yourselves to hear that joyful Sound, and every one of you dwell in the obedience to what is made manifest, and so more shall be communicated: You must all give an account of your Stewardship, oh therefore be faithful that you may do it with joy, and not with grief, for it will gnaw you eternally if you trifle away this day of the Lords Love and Mercy: Now there is balm in Gilead, and a Physitian in your Souls, see therefore that your health be recovered by him, and that you neglect not so great Salvation, for notwithstanding your vain imaginations and hard thoughts of the Lord, yet his arms of Love are stretched out still,



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but how long you know not; therefore be not secure and careless, but strive to enter in at the strait gate; yet many strive, & are not able, because they would have their own wils and wisdoms kept alive, with the profits and vain delights of this world, which keepeth them captive in the broad way which leadeth to destruction: But my brethren, not as unbelieving or disobedient, put on strength in the power of the Lord who hath called you, and presse on the strait gate, where the earthly wil and wisdom is kept in death; *for the Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force*: So wil they who forsake their own wil and reasoning, and yeeld themselves up into the Love and Mercy of the Lord, minding to be guided by his pure counsel; though your strength seem weaknesse, yet there is nothing in Heaven, nor in Hell neither in the Earth that is able to resist you; but as Conquerours you must pass through death into life; therefore be strong in the Lord every one of you, give up, give up what you have and are into his Wil, let not carnal pleasures inlure you, nor carnal fears cause you to distrust, but run with patience that race which is set before you, for your reward is with you, and your work before you; be not slothful, but vigilant, for so that end hath he chosen you, that you might manifest the riches of his Love, and bring forth fruit to his praise, and faint not in your way, the time of refreshment cometh, cometh on apace, when the Redeemed of the Lord shall walk in Zion with Songs and everlasting Joy upon their heads, singing the Songs of their Deliverance, *Hallelujahs* and Praises to him who sitteth on the Throne, and judgeth the Earth in righteousness, and therefore fear and tremble you carelesse ones which have lost your first love, strengthen

then that which remains, lest you walk in darknesse: and you that halt between God and the world, that which you lust after, and account so profitable and delightful, shal depart from you, for this world passeth way, and all the comforts which it affordeth; and it wil leave you naked and bare, before him whose Love you have rejected, and whose Counsel you have despised. Oh therefore consider and lay it to heart; how wil you be able to stand before him, when he ariseth to plead with you in his fierce Indignation? Now you have time prize it, and forsake that which is earthly, and chuse that which is eternal, you cannot have both; be not sayers, but doers, lest you cause the worthy name of our God to be blasphemed, and so bring upon your selves swift destruction.

Dear children, you are called and chosen; my desire is that you may be kept stedfast unto the end; so I commit you all to the tender Mercy of our God, who never leaveth nor forsaketh those that trust in him.

*Written from the Spirit of the Lord be your Brother in the Truth of the Gospel.*  
*Let this be read when you are met together.*

**JOHN WHITEHEAD.**

I am now about to go into the Moors, where I hear there is much hungring after the Truth; when I shal return, I know nothing: Pray for me, that I may be kept faithfull to declare the Truth as it is revealed in me.

*Scarborough, Octobr 6. 1653.*

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*In October, 1653.*

**T**O al my dear Brethren the flock of God scatter-  
 ed abroad, and kept together in the power up to  
 God; none be discouraged or disheartned at the E-  
 nemies without, which is without God, but be bold  
 all in the power of truth, triumphing over the world;  
 hold your freedome, and keep and stand fast in it,  
 that you may be armed with wisdom, and furnished  
 against your enemies, who are wiser in their genera-  
 tion then the children of Light: But the wisdom of  
 the most High is spreading and making it self manifest  
 into your hearts, by which you shal comprehend  
 all the worlds Wisdome, the worlds worship, and  
 knowledge, and get them under your feet; waiting  
 in that which is pure, it wil lead you before the world  
 was, before the false worship was, before the sedu-  
 cers were, before the Antichrist was, and before the  
 false Temple was, and false Prophet and hirelings,  
 and here you wil comprehend all the World, and  
 what is done in the world, therefore every one keep  
 your habitation, abide the trial, and abide the day,  
 and stand fast in your freedom so far as Christ hath  
 made you free; free from mans wil and commande-  
 ments which inbondageth, free from the fashions  
 and lusts of the world, the fleshly wil, which bon-  
 dageth and burthens the pure; and to you that cannot  
 witnesse this, wait and mind the pure, and then the  
 burthen wil be easie, and wait for Redemption and  
 Salvation to make it, and your strength is to stand  
 still, that you may receive refreshings, that you may  
 know how to wait, and how to walk to God, and be-  
 fore God, by the spirit of God within you: So God  
 Almighty



Almighty be with you, and keep you up to himself under his own dominion, from under the dominion of Sathan, that you may trample them al under your feet. And friends, every where meet together, treading and trampling all the deceit under your feet, and watch over one another in that which is eternal, and see every one that your words be eternal life; examine and search which speaks to that which is in prison, in others, which is eternal: And you that are led out to exhort, or to reprove, do it with all diligence, taking all opportunities, reprovng that which devours the Creation, and destroys the very humane reason and the truth which doth preserve every thing in it, place; and all meet together every where, and in your meeting wait upon the Lord, and take heed of a form of words, but mind the power, and know its which is eternal, which will keep you all in unity walking in the Spirit, and wil let you see the Lord neer you, and amongst you: So God Almighty be with you, and multiply you, and give you the dew of Heaven, the Heavenly dew, the living mercies which nourisheth the tender plants, which causeth them to grow, bud, and bring forth, and water you with his blessings: So the Lord God of power be with you all my dear hearts, I am with you in the Spirit, and in the love of your God, your Father and my Father; the Lord God be alone prosper you, guide you, and protect you all into his Kingdom of glory, you who are elected, called, chosen, and faithful, who are the Lambs: God Almighty blese you, and keep you all, my dear hearts; the love of God is love past knowledg, which bears all things, endures all things, hopes all things, envieth not, thinketh no evil. And the Bottom-stone is the love of God, the ground

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ground of your hearts, the bottom of your hearts, which casts out the love of the world, and the enmity to God, betwixt you and God, so it's true, *He that beleeves is born of God, and he that is born of God overcomes the world.* So fare you all wel, and God Almighty blesse you, prosper you.

GEORGE FOX.

1653. *This Precept was written from the mouth of George Fox, as he spoke it forth, by a Friend of truth.*

**A**Nd all you friends that wait, in that which is pure it self, which cannot lie, which doth not change; wait upon God, God doth not change, and let all flesh be silent before the Lord, that the Life may speak in all; then the mouth of the Lord is known, and God is exalted and glorified with his own work which he brings forth, and meet together there and every where, and mind that which gathers you, and wait on that which is pure, which gathers you out of the worlds nature, disposition, conversation, Churches, forms, and customes, which wil knit your hearts together up to God: That which gathers you out of all this is the Spirit of the Lord, and to gather you up to him who is the Father of Spirits, that you may be able to judg, and discern, and confound al the deceit in the world, and grow up to be as Kings, and nothing to raig, but what is Life Eternal; and beware of speakings in the presence of the Lord, except your words be eternal life, the eternal Word of God, else it doth not profit, nor build up, nor edifie:

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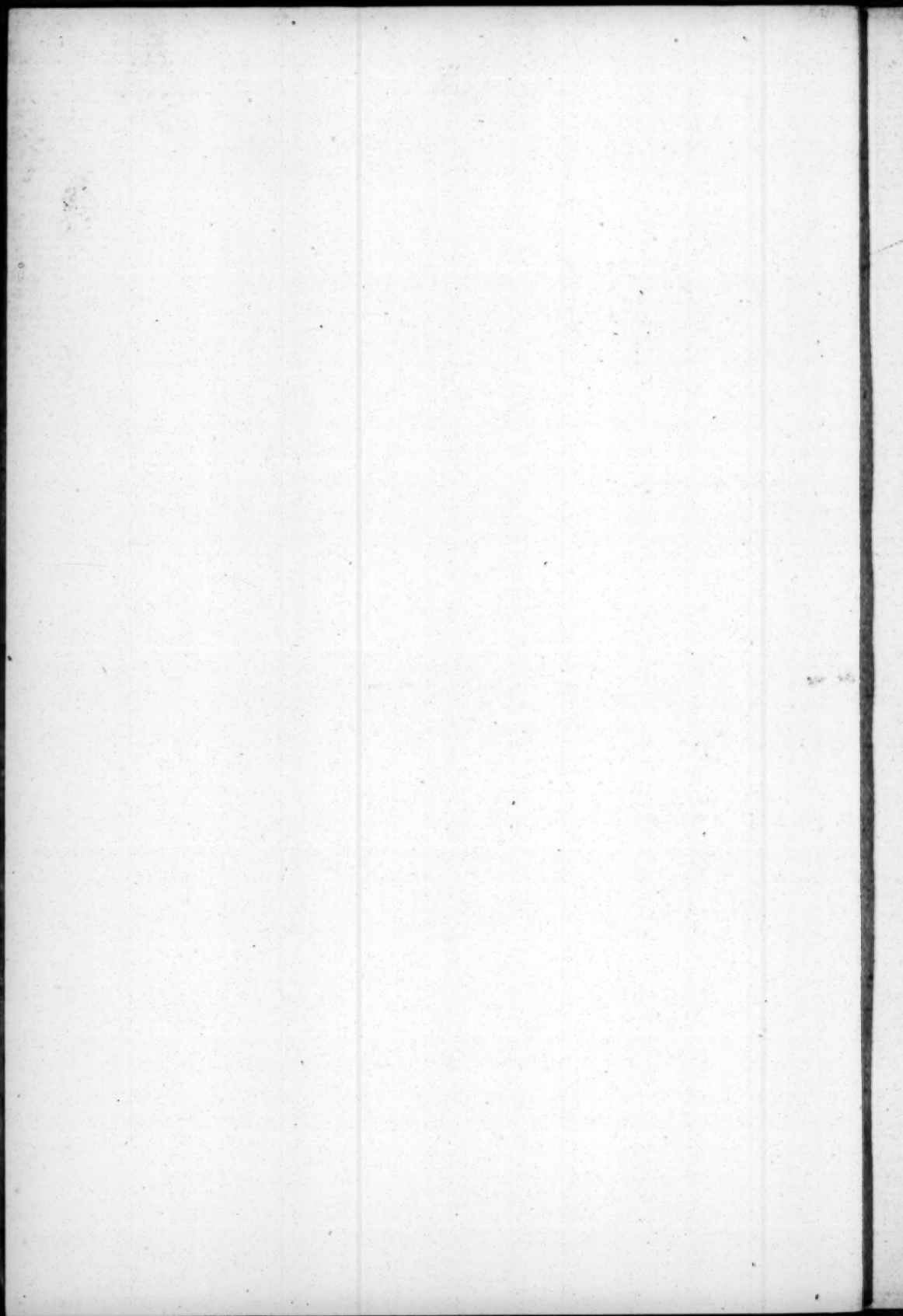
So God Almighty be with you all in your meetings; that you may see him to be your Head, King, and Lord over all, to you all who are inlightned with the lights of the Spirit, that is the light which shews you sin and evil, and your evil deeds and doings, and the deceit and false-heartednesse, which wil teach you holinesse walking in it, and bring you into unity, and it wil draw your mind up into God, and in it you wil see more light; but hating the light, there is your condemnation.

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